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SUBJECT: HARRAR EYE CLINIC

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT OFFICE OF SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY CURRENTLY HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION QUESTION OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN US NAVY AND INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION (IEF) THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE NAVY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN EYE CLINIC AT HARRAR, AND WE WISH BE ON RECORD IN STRONG SUPPORT OF RENEWAL.

2. EVERY INDICATION WE HAVE ARGUES IN FAVOR. CONVERSATIONS WITH NAVY MEDICAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HARRAR HAVE INDICATED TO US A STRONG SENSE OF SATISFACTION ON THEIR PART WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF SHEER VOLUME OF WORK TO BE DONE, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF THE INCREASED PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THEY ARE GAINING. MOREOVER, THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT THE CLINIC PERFORMS AN IMPORTANT-- AND INDEED UNIQUE-- MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICE NOT ONLY FOR THE HARRAR REGION, BUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. TALES OF ETHIOPIAN PEASANTS WALKING THREE OR FOUR DAYS TO THE CLINIC ARE COMMON, SO MUCH SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND PLANS ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE FOR OUTLYING SMALLER CLINICS TO HELP DEAL WITH THIS PHENOMENON AND AT SAME TIME EXTEND RADIUS OF AREA NOW SERVED BY HARRAR CLINIC.

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3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, ETHIOPIANS AT ALL LEVELS, NATIONAL,

PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL ARE PLEASED WITH PROGRAM AND WOULD BE HAPPY SEE IT CONTINUE. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FEEL SAFE IN HARRAR.

4. HARRAR AREA HAS ESCAPED UNREST THAT CROPS UP IN VARIOUS FORMS IN OTHER AREAS OF ETHIOPIA AND WE THEREFORE DO NOT CONSIDER IT TO BE SECURITY RISK. SITUATION COULD ADMITTEDLY CHANGE, BUT WE SEE NO SIGNS THAT IT MIGHT IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. THAT DEPT PASS EMBASSY VIEWS TO VICE ADMIRAL CUSTIS, SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY.
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